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DISEASE RESEARCH

1. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE REFERRING TO PROPOSED FMD RESEARCH PROGRAM AND REQUESTING US GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO THE PROGRAM. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF LETTER ARE AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT INITIALLY PLANNED TO HOST A MEETING OF POSSIBLE DONOR NATIONS IN BOGOTA DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, AT WHICH TIME IT WAS HOPED THAT A WORK PROGRAM BASED ON CONFIRMED CONTRIBUTIONS COULD BE ESTABLISHED. NEVERTHELESS, IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT YOU INDICATED INTEREST (IN THE PROGRAM) IN RESPONSE TO OUR PREVIOUS LETTER, THIS DID NOT CONSTITUTE A CONCRETE OFFER. IN VIEW OF THIS AND THE INTEREST IN CONCLUDING PREPARATIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS, THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO POSTPNE THE MEETING UNTIL THE THIRD QUARTER OF THIS YEAR IN THE HOPE THAT BY THAT TIME THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH WERE CONTACTED BUT WHICH HAVE NOT YET REPLIED WILL BE ABLE TO DEFINE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN TERMS OF FINANCING OR OTHER SUPPORT.

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AS A CONSEQUENCE, AND IN ACCORD WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY VESTED IN THE UNDP BY THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD QUERY THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF YOUR GOVERNMENT REGARDING A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT. END QUOTE.

2. EMBASSY PLANS TO SEND AN INTERIM REPLY TO THE RESIDENT

REPRESENTATIVE, ACKNOWLEDGING HIS LETTER. WE WOULD APPRECI-
ATE AID/APHIS COORDINATION IN PROVIDING US INFORMATION FOR A
DEFINITE REPLY.
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